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been completed and the construction of the necessary transmission lines, sub-stations, etc., by this Government is in progress.

" (b) Does not arise.

" (c) Representations have been received from the hon. Member himself and the Panchayat Board, Kasaragode. Supply to the area will be feasible only after Jog power becomes available."

SRI K. VENKATARAMANA GOWDA :—" Sir, may I know whether the possibilities of load development at Puttur and its neighbourhood have been investigated and while there is a proposal to supply electricity to Kasaragode from Mangalore when Mangalore receives supply from Jog, is it not also feasible to supply Puttur by a line from there, as Puttur is nearer to Mangalore than Kasaragode? "

THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" Of course, that is yet another question. As the hon. Member says, it is nearer than the place to which power is taken, it can be considered."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I think we can take up questions Nos. 360 and 361 together."

Betting on American Cotton Prices.

* 360 *Q.*—SRI K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that gambling in American Cotton Prices prevails in the Madras City; and

(b) if so, the action taken by the Police to prevent it?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Yes, Sir.

" (b) The Police have taken adequate steps to prevent betting on American Cotton Prices."

* 361 *Q.*—SRI N. K. PALANISAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state— 10-10 a.m

(a) whether it is a fact that there is large scale betting on American Cotton Price in the City; and

(b) if so, the measures taken by the Government to prevent this gambling?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) A certain amount of betting on American Cotton Market Prices is prevalent in the City.

" (b) The Police are taking suitable action under the Madras City Police Act."

SRI K. P. GOPALAN :—" Sir, is it a fact that this gambling which ruins so many poor people is conducted and encouraged with the help of the Police Department? "